

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended): A clothes holding device comprising a flexible member ~~formed on a surface of a wall wherein~~ as a wall covering which covers the entire surface of a wall and on which a slit is provided wherein a detachable portion of said flexible member is raised up from the entire wall via the slit, and the ~~[[a]]~~ detachable portion of said flexible member is detachable from the wall in a line symmetrical shape with a horizontal axis as a symmetrical axis, and wherein a vertical-directional upper area is not detachable from the wall, so that a vertical-directional lower area is bent along the horizontal axis, and a bent portion and a remaining portion are capable of holding clothes when said detachable portion is detached, and when said detachable portion is not detached the bent portion and the remaining portion are assimilated in the flexible member formed on a surface of the wall and are thereby recognized as a portion of the surface of the wall to naked eyes.

4. (Previously presented): The clothes holding device according to claim 3, further comprising an engagement member in the vertical-directional upper area and in the vertical-directional lower area, wherein the engagement members are engaged with each other, thereby a status where the vertical-directional lower area is bent along the horizontal axis is maintained.

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5. (New): The clothes holding device according to claim 4, wherein said engagement members are hook buttons.